

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please note and consider the claims in the application as identified below, with currently amended claims comprising markings in the form of strikethrough for deletions and underlining for additions.

1. (currently amended) A method for raising funds for a charitable cause comprising the steps of:
 - identifying a charitable cause in need of funding;
 - providing a plurality of patriotic flags to comprise a healing field that is, at least in part, expressive of the charitable cause;
 - linking a display of the healing field to the charitable cause in need of funding by carrying out a public awareness campaign designed to educate others and provide sponsorship of the healing field and at least some of the plurality of patriotic flags prior to their display with at least a portion of proceeds being donated to the charitable cause in need of funding;
 - displaying the healing field as part of ~~a~~ the public awareness campaign, the plurality of patriotic flags being arranged as a group in a layout so as to stimulate an emotional response within individuals viewing the healing field that is associated with the charitable cause, the plurality of patriotic flags temporarily occupying a location not dedicated to providing a permanent display of the patriotic flags;
 - facilitating the viewing of the healing field and the concurrent providing of information related to the charitable cause to heighten the emotional response;
 - selling at least some of the plurality of patriotic flags that are displayed in the healing field and donating at least a portion of proceeds to the charitable cause in need of funding; and
 - removing the plurality of patriotic flags to eliminate the healing field from the location.
2. (previously presented) A method as in claim 1, wherein the step of providing a plurality of patriotic flags to comprise a healing field further comprises the step of

- identifying a historical event to be symbolized by the plurality of patriotic flags.
3. (previously presented) A method as in claim 1, wherein the step of displaying the healing field further comprises the step of positioning the plurality of patriotic flags in a predetermined pattern.
 4. (original) A method as in claim 3, wherein the predetermined pattern is a geometric pattern.
 5. (original) A method as in claim 3, wherein the predetermined pattern is a linear array placed along an area selected from the group consisting of a path, a body of water, a river, a building, a structure, a road, a highway, a trail, a hill, a mountain, and a military base.
 6. (original) A method as in claim 3, further comprising the step of incorporating information within the predetermined pattern.
 7. (previously presented) A method as in claim 3, further comprising the step of incorporating a graphic message within the predetermined pattern.
 8. (previously presented) A method as in claim 1, wherein the step of linking a display of the healing field to the charitable cause further comprises the step of advertising a purpose for the plurality of patriotic flags and the healing field, wherein the purpose links the plurality of patriotic flags and the healing field to the charitable cause.
 9. (previously presented) A method as in claim 8, wherein the step of advertising the purpose for the plurality of patriotic flags and the healing field further comprises the step of advertising through a medium selected from the group consisting of radio stations, television stations, newspapers, magazines, and internet sites.

10. (previously presented) A method as in claim 1, further comprising the step of obtaining one or more sponsors to pay for the plurality of patriotic flags in the healing field.
11. (previously presented) A method as in claim 10, wherein the one or more sponsors comprises a person that pays to sponsor one or more flags in the plurality of patriotic flags.
12. (previously presented) A method as in claim 10, wherein the one or more sponsors comprises an organization that pays to sponsor one or more flags in the plurality of patriotic flags.
13. (previously presented) A method as in claim 1, wherein the step of selling the plurality of patriotic flags further comprises the step of selling the plurality of patriotic flags through an auction.
14. (original) A method as in claim 13, wherein the auction is an internet auction.
15. (previously presented) A method as in claim 1, wherein the step of selling the plurality of patriotic flags further comprises the step of selling the plurality of patriotic flags through an advertising campaign.
16. (previously presented) A method as in claim 1, wherein the step of selling the plurality of patriotic flags further comprises the step of placing advertisements near the healing field.
17. (previously presented) A method as in claim 1, wherein the step of selling the plurality of patriotic flags further comprises the step of advertising through a medium selected from the group consisting of radio stations, television stations, newspapers,

magazines, and internet sites.

18. (original) A method as in claim 17, wherein the step of advertising through the medium of magazines further comprises the step of advertising through magazines that are substantially specific to a purpose for the healing field.
19. (currently amended) A system for raising funds for a charitable cause comprising the steps of:
- means for identifying a charitable cause in need of funding;
 - means for providing a plurality of patriotic flags to comprise a healing field that is, at least in part, expressive of the charitable cause;
 - means for linking a display of the healing field to the charitable cause in need of funding, the means comprising carrying out a public awareness campaign designed to educate others and provide sponsorship of the healing field and at least some of the plurality of patriotic flags prior to their display with at least a portion of proceeds being donated to the charitable cause in need of funding;
 - means for displaying the healing field as part of a the public awareness campaign, the plurality of patriotic flags being arranged as a group in a layout so as to stimulate an emotional response within individuals viewing the healing field that is associated with the charitable cause, the plurality of patriotic flags temporarily occupying a location not dedicated to providing a permanent display of the patriotic flags;
 - means for facilitating the viewing of the healing field and the concurrent providing of information related to the charitable cause to heighten the emotional response;
 - means for selling at least some of the plurality of patriotic flags that are displayed in the healing field and donating at least a portion of proceeds to the charitable cause in need of funding; and
 - means for removing the plurality of patriotic flags to eliminate the healing field from the location.

20. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising repeating the steps of identifying a charitable cause, providing a plurality of patriotic flags, linking a display of the healing field, displaying the healing field, coordinating the viewing of the healing field, selling the plurality of patriotic flags, and removing the plurality of patriotic flags, for a different charitable cause at a different location.
21. (new) A method for raising funds for a charitable cause comprising the steps of:
- identifying a charitable cause in need of funding;
 - providing a plurality of flags to comprise a healing field that is, at least in part, expressive of the charitable cause;
 - linking a display of the healing field to the charitable cause in need of funding by carrying out a public awareness campaign designed to educate others and provide sponsorship of the healing field and at least some of the plurality of flags prior to their display with at least a portion of proceeds being donated to the charitable cause in need of funding;
 - displaying the healing field as part of the public awareness campaign, the plurality of flags being arranged as a group in a layout so as to stimulate an emotional response within individuals viewing the healing field that is associated with the charitable cause, the plurality of flags temporarily occupying a location not dedicated to providing a permanent display of the flags;
 - facilitating the viewing of the healing field and the concurrent providing of information related to the charitable cause to heighten the emotional response;
 - selling at least some of the plurality of flags that are displayed in the healing field and donating at least a portion of proceeds to the charitable cause in need of funding;
 - and
 - removing the plurality of flags to eliminate the healing field from the location.